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The Declaration and Resolution of



Hereas many scandalous and dangerous papers have beene lately published in Print, tending to seduce and divide the Army, and dissolve the present government and power thereof; as also to subvert the Parliament, and Councell of State in this juncture of time, wherein they are endeavouring so necessary a worke, as settling the peace of the Nations, and the Government thereof, in the way of a Republique; and endeavouring as farre as they can by the said settlement, to free the Nation from Tyranny and oppression, securing of Trade by a Fleet at Sea, already by them set out; settling and supplying Garrisons, especially Maritime, for the preventing Invasions and Insurrections, taking of free quarter, and free billet; establishing (by an equall Levy) constant pay for the Army, providing effectually for their Arreares, and the speedy transporting of a considerable Army into *Ireland*, for the reliefe of many thousands of our distressed Brethren and fellow Souldiers, who are ingaged with us in the same warrell, and (its more then probable) must all perish, if not speedily relieved from hence. Which considered, we cannot conceive that those who contrived and dispersed the aforesaid paper, and endeavour otherwise to make obstructions, and hinder those good transactions before mentioned, which are so really intended, and neer effected by those now in power, to be either friends to us or the Common weale, but rather enemies; and we humbly conceive it necessary that such persons may be discovered and suppressed. And having lately observed to our great griefe how much the reliefe of poore *Ireland* hath been obstructed and regarded by the secret and malicious insinuations of diverse who under specious pretences of procuring liberty here, and of the unwarrantablenesse of the Warre there, have by their suggestions deceived many honest men into a beliefe thereof, and divided them from that engagement, thereby retarding the service, and (this we believe) as it is our purpose to promote and advance the destructive designe of the Common Enemy in the intentions of the M. Projectors, so it is in the intentions of the rest of that faction against all, or at least against all just and good Government, which we desire from our very soules may be settled and maintained by this Parliament. For the countenancing of those that doe well, and the terrour of those that do evill, and this we despaire not of, they have already done so many Acts of Justice, and accomplished so many excellent things in order thereunto, notwithstanding the late threats and intensions of a detestable Anarchy. Wherefore we earnestly beseech our fellow souldiers, and other who have any love to us, not to entertaine such pernicious Notions as may set up, or beget any disorder and confusion, which doubtlesse is not of God, and will inevitably involve this so much wasted Republique, into greater warre, and famine, which we already tast of, being miseries we are not long to endure, and so instead of freedoms and liberties (in our poverty and weaknesse) to be all enthralled and subjected to the furious cruelties of worse enemies then we ever yet had to conflict with, *viz.* strangers and forreigners.

And taking notice how deceivers by their false informations, and subtile instigations endeavour to perswade us of our fellow souldiers, and to joine with them in their wicked designes, to dissolve the Parliament and Councell of State disorderly, and to cast off the Lord Generall and the rest of the most faithfull now in authority (no necessity leading thereunto. We declare that such traiterous plots and actions wee utterly disclaime, and we shall continue our due obedience to the Parliament, our Generall, and all others now in Authority over us. We do blesse God, for the good we and this Nation have and do enjoy by their pious acts of justice and wise manning the publique affairs for the establishment of peace upon good and sure grounds: In the prosecution whereof we are engaged, and do engage with them to fall against all attempts contrary thereto, whatsoever, and by whomsoever.